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LOWER COLORADO RIVER PROJECT TO BE DISCUSSED AT PUBLIC MEETING

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (USIBWC), will conduct a stakeholder meeting open to the public on Thursday, February 19, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the Yuma County Main Library, 350 S. 3rd Avenue in Yuma, Arizona. At the meeting, the USIBWC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will discuss the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lower Colorado River Boundary and Capacity Preservation Project.

The purpose of the project is to preserve the international boundary where it is formed by the Colorado River and to improve the river's capacity to convey flood flows safely. The EIS examines the environmental effects of various project alternatives. These alternatives consider different river alignments, dredging, removal of vegetation, and modification of the flood control levees.

At the meeting, the river alignment of the four alternatives under study will be displayed. Additionally, the environmental impacts of those alternatives and strategies to mitigate for those impacts will be discussed. The USIBWC welcomes feedback from the public as this will be the last stakeholder meeting before the Draft EIS is released in the summer.

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries and settling differences that arise in their application. On the Lower Colorado River, the Commission is

responsible for maintaining the river as the boundary between the United States and Mexico, ensuring delivery of Colorado River water to Mexico in accordance with the 1944 Water Treaty, and maintaining the river's capacity to convey flood flows.

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